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Mr Allen Johnson
Mounds Ill.

Dear Freind:

I am dropping you this line in haste to enclose this clipping. Do you think Smith has signed with The Grays? If he has not, and you are not going to have a team, will you get him to sign with us, and we will pay you for him when we get started.

You can see by now you cannot protest your men unless you belong to one of the leagues. It is a shame you lose all these good men and dont get any thing for them, when some one like me would be glad to pay you something. You remember I wrote you last year about working out some deals. You lost the men anyhow, and I know you didnt get anything. In the case of these good men like Smith, we would even agree to let you have them back if you go back into baseball.

Please let me hear from you right away, because I will be anxious to know if The Grays have him signed. I understand we will have our meeting Fe. 20th.

Sincerely Yours